THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) A quantity of 104576 M.Ts. of foodgrains was allocated to Uttar Pradesh under National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) during the years 1983-84 and 1984-85.

(b) During the year 1985-86 part from the normal allocation of 64050 M.Ts. to the State, an additional allocation of 85750 M.Ts. of foodgrains has been made to the State recently as an additionality under NREP.

Decentralisation of DDA

1991. SHRI LEONARD SOLOMAN SARING : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a demand for the decentralisation of D.D.A.;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps in this direction; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir, there has been demand to decentralise DDA, both on functional and regional basis. Besides Vikas Minar, it has already set up offices at Vikas Sadan, INA, and Rohini.

In view of the enormity of functions and continuous criticism of the working of DDA, it has also been decided to streamline the functioning of the organisation. For this purpose, services of an Expert Agency have been engaged by DDA who are expected to submit report by the end of July, 1986. The report will be considered and action taken as soon as it is received.

Timely execution of the Sutlej-Yamuna Link Canal Project

1992. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount so far advanced by the Centre for timely execution of the Sutlej-Yamuna Link Canal to both the States of Punjab and Haryana and the provision made for this project during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) whether the project has not made any headway so far and the work in Punjab has come to a standstill owing to the demand for the realignment of the link canal; and

(c) what steps have been taken to get the project expedited and save the overflow of waters to the Pakistan side?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) To expedite execution of the Sutlej-Yamuna Link Canal, Government of India have recently released Rs. 30 crores as advance plan assistance for the Project. The Government of India is also assisting the State in arranging cement and steel for the Project. For the 7th Plan, an allocation of Rs. 195 crores has been agreed.

The Government of Punjab have reported that the work of constuction of the Canal between km. 0 to km. 26 and between km. 75 to km. 121 is going on according to the schedule. The work between km. 26 to km. 75 is temporarily stalled because of the agitation by the farmers. They want change of the alignment in this length. Efforts are being made by the State authorities to resolve the issue.